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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
The Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: CIA's [REDACTED] Program  
in Chile [REDACTED]

1. This Agency did not conduct [REDACTED] operations in support of either of the two democratic candidates who opposed Salvador Allende in the 1970 presidential election. Our role in the election was limited to an effort to denigrate Allende and his Popular Unity (UP) coalition during the campaign.

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] the 4 March 1973 congressional elections. These congressional elections were considered by both the UP and the opposition as a form of plebiscite to determine whether or not the government had a popular mandate to continue the implementation of its revolutionary program.

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[REDACTED]

3. After the March 1973 elections, it became increasingly apparent that three years of political polarization had strained the fabric of Chilean society to the breaking point. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on 20 August 1973  
the 40 Committee approved [REDACTED] support

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

W. E. Colby  
Director

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